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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of sharing computer user experiences, including:
registering a user with a registration server to collect and share tracking data corresponding to at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences, wherein the computer usage experiences include one or more of browsing URLs, downloading files or visiting a location with a computer device that records the visited location;
accessing one or more of the user's messaging buddy lists to identify one or more buddies with whom the tracking data may be shared;
defining rights of the buddies to access the tracking data;
tracking at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences and reporting the tracking data to a tracking server;
posting at least a portion of the user's tracking data for the buddies to access according to their defined rights.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are a single server.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are distinct servers.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's e-mail address.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's actual name.

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6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's physical address.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of any information that identifies a user in a manner adapted to direct marketing.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user further includes establishing an anonymous unique identifier for the user.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein reporting the tracking data includes reporting the anonymous unique identifier.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by AOL's Instant Messenger software.
11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by MSN Messenger software.
12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by Yahoo! Messenger software.
13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by America Online's ICQ software.
14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by Odigo's instant messenger software.
15. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the instant messaging buddy list is maintained by Jabber's instant messenger software.

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16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by content category of the user's computer usage.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by appearance of one or more keywords on pages corresponding to URLs viewed.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by activity type of the user's computer usage.

19. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user utilizes a computer and tracking is carried out by a module resident on the computer.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tracking is carried out by a device placed between a computer utilized by the user and an access point to the Internet.

21. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer usage experience tracked is filtered before it is reported to the tracking server.

22. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer usage reported is filtered after it is reported to the tracking server and before it is posted for the buddies to access.

23-26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including wherein the computer usage sending tracking data regarding one of a user's computer usage experiences to one or more buddies.

28. (original) The method of claim 1, further including categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content and sorting the tracking data by content category.

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29. (original) The method of claim 1, further including categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content and making the tracking data searchable by content category and date range.
30. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating notes with individual tracking data entries.
31. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating ratings with individual tracking data entries.
32. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes indexing text portions of at least a portion of pages reported from tracking the user's Internet usage.
33. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein text indexing is limited to pages reported from tracking as having been annotated or forwarded by the user.
34. (original) A method of sharing Internet browsing experiences, including:
 - registering a user with a registration server to track the user's Internet usage;
 - tracking at least a portion of the user's Internet usage and reporting the tracking data to a tracking server;
 - categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content;
 - posting at least a portion of the user's tracking data for the user to access, including providing a searching tool and an annotating tool.
35. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are a single server.
36. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are distinct servers.

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37. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's e-mail address.
38. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's actual name.
39. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's physical address.
40. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of any information that identifies a user in a manner adapted to direct marketing.
41. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user further includes establishing an anonymous unique identifier for the user.
42. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the tracking is carried out by a module resident on a computer utilized by the user.
43. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the tracking is carried out by a device placed between a computer utilized by the user and an access point to the Internet.
44. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage tracked is filtered before it is reported to the tracking server.
45. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage reported is filtered before it is posted for the user to access.
46. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is includes viewing URLs and downloading files.

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47. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is includes song listens by the user.

48. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is includes video viewings by the user.

49. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is includes purchases by the user.

50. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is sending tracking data regarding one of a user's computer usage experiences to one or more buddies.

51. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein annotation tools associate notes with individual tracking data entries.

52. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating ratings with individual tracking data entries.

53. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein posting further includes indexing text portions of at least a portion of URLs reported from tracking the user's Internet usage.

54. (original) A method of sharing Internet browsing experiences, including:
tracking at least a portion of a user's Internet usage and reporting the tracking data to a server;

categorizing the reported tracking data by content category;
presenting to the user a history of the reported tracking data, with tools for searching and forwarding the tracking data;
sending one or more entries from the history of the reported tracking data to one or more persons identified on one or more of the user's buddy lists and reporting the sending

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to an additional server.

55. (new) A method of sharing computer user experiences, including:

registering a user with a registration server to collect and share tracking data corresponding to at least a portion of the user's computer tracked visited location experiences, wherein the computer tracked visited location experiences include visiting a location with a computer device that records the visited location;

accessing one or more of the user's messaging buddy lists to identify one or more buddies with whom the tracking data may be shared;

defining rights of the buddies to access the tracking data;

tracking at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences and reporting the tracking data to a tracking server;

posting at least a portion of the user's tracking data for the buddies to access according to their defined rights.

56. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by an instant messenger software.